

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-10, 13-20, and 23-29 were previously pending in the application. Claims 3-10, 14, 23, and 25 are amended, and claims 13, 15-20, 24, and 26 are canceled herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 3-10, 14, 23, 25, and 27-29 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 3-10 and 13-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gebis in view of Lund and Bi. In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gebis in view of Lund and Huang et al. (Huang). In paragraph 5, the Examiner indicated that claims 27-29 are allowable. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowability.

For the following reasons, the Applicant submits that all of the now-pending claims are allowable over the cited references.

Claims 3-10, 14, 23, and 25 have been amended to depend from claim 27. Since (i) the Examiner stated that claims 27-29 are allowable and (ii) currently amended claims 3-10, 13, 23, and 25 depend directly or indirectly from claim 27, it is submitted that those claims are also allowable.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections of claims 3-10, 14, 23, and 25 under Section 103(a) have been overcome.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Fees

During the pendency of this application, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of any filing fees for presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Mendelsohn, Drucker, & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0782.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time if not submitted with the reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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